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SUBJECT: PROGRAM TO COMBAT TERRORISM

REF: A-4779 (1977) AND STATE 119510

1. EMBASSY SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE (SWC) MET MAY 12 TO DISCUSS ACCESS CONTROLS FOR THE CHANCERY, DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE (DAO) AND CONSULAR SECTION. VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVED CONTROLS WERE CONSIDERED.
2. FOR THE CHANCERY, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD POST TO NCOIC'S OFFICE WITH TELLER WINDOW OPENING INTO BUILDING'S ENTRANCE STAIR HALL. SECURITY DOORS WOULD BE INSTALLED IN PLACE OF PRESENT LOBBY ENTRANCE DOORS THEREBY PERMITTING MSG TO CONTROL ACCESS OF VISITORS PRIOR TO THEIR ADMITTANCE INSIDE THE CHANCERY.
3. FOR DAO, COMMITTEE SUGGESTED TWO SECURITY DOORS BE INSTALLED IN CENTRAL HALLWAY, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE ELEVATORS, THUS REQUIRING ALL VISITORS TO CLEAR THROUGH DAO'S OPERATIONS SUPPORT SECTION. SINCE DAO OCCUPIES LEASED SPACE, THIS RECOMMENDATION WOULD REQUIRE THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT'S APPROVAL.
4. FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION, STRENGTHENING OF THE PRESENT

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ACCESS CONTROLS TO CONFORM WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED.

5. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING SKETCHES CONCERNING THESE SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS. COMMITTEE BELIEVES SERVICES OF ARCHITECT FROM FBO AND/OR CONTRACT ARCHITECT PRESENTLY ASSISTING A/SY IS ADVISABLE SINCE A SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION

OF CHANCERY ENTRANCE WOULD BE INVOLVED. ARCHITECTUAL EXPERTISE IS ALSO NEEDED AT CONGEN QUEBEC IN CONNECTION WITH RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MARCH 1978 SECURITY SURVEY.

6. COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT GUARD SERVICE AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, NOW LIMITED TO 15 HOURS DAILY DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS, BE EXTENDED TO FULL 24-HOUR COVERAGE. GOC PROVIDES THIS SERVICE. EMBASSY WILL INQUIRE IF GOC IS WILLING TO INCREASE IT, AND INFORM DEPARTMENT OF RESPONSE. WE ESTIMATE COSTS FOR INCREASED PROTECTION, IF USG WERE OBLIGED TO PAY, WOULD BE CANADIAN DOLLARS 27,196 ANNUALLY. ENDERS

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